

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC Board Meeting

March 24, 2023

### NOTES

**Members Present:** Tracy Andrus, Breall Baccus, AB Bustos, Marqus Butler, Michelle Conner, Bee Courtois, Courtney Douangdara, Daphne Jackson, Stephen Kazanjian, Andrea Omojola, and Dee Ross

**Members Absent:** Natasha Hayden, Rob Hogan, John Meier, and Nora Vargas

**Staff Present:** Kraig Blaize-Fiero, Mary Stahlke, and Jim Ward plus numerous staff for the first part of the orientation

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action/Next Steps
Welcome	Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Chair, Andrea Omojola	
Icebreaker	Members and staff discussed their reasons for working to prevent and end homelessness	
CoC Board Orientation	Staff members gave presentations about Coordinated Entry (CE), System Performance Measures (SPMs), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program, and Continuum of Care (CoC) Program	Staff will post staff presentations on Basecamp.
CoC Board Orientation (cont.)	Members discussed the reasons for having a board, Board Requirements Policy, the 2023 CoC Action Plan, and the board member job description.	Andrea asked all members to sign the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Statement.
CoC Board Orientation (cont.)	Members discussed topics that they want to know more about. 1) How might the ending of COVID-related funding change the numbers of people experiencing homelessness, and therefore, SPMs? 2) How are communities doing CE? The expectations that an agency can add CE to what staff members are already doing and/or to find funding and add a staff member for CE are not realistic. Staff described the Supportive Services Only—Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project that THN has begun that will provide additional THN technical assistance for CE to several communities. 3) Some agencies must use other databases in addition to HMIS, which is time-consuming. 4) How is landlord engagement going in the EHV program? 5) Is anyone using a referral software such as OutreachGrid?	The board may discuss these questions at future meetings.  Staff will post the Mission Statement Flowchart on Basecamp.  The Executive Committee will talk with members at the next meeting about the touchstones for the year.

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	And members worked to develop their “elevator pitch” about the TX BoS CoC and why they are CoC Board members.  Members also brainstormed “touchstone” phrases for the year that will guide their work.	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM	

**Next Board Meeting:** 4/26/2023, 2:00-3:30. by webinar